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Disposition of Claims		
4)  Claim(s) 1-9 and 15-31 is/are pending in the 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrest 5)  Claim(s) 1-9 and 15-27 is/are allowed.  6)  Claim(s) 28-31 is/are rejected.  7)  Claim(s) is/are objected to.  8)  Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/	awn from consideration.	
9) The specification is objected to by the Examir 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) according a control of the drawing not request that any objection to the Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correct of the latest and the correct of the latest according to the latest accord	ecepted or b) objected to by the e drawing(s) be held in abeyance. Section is required if the drawing(s) is ob	e 37 CFR 1.85(a). jected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority document 2. Certified copies of the priority document 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority document application from the International Bure.  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	nts have been received. nts have been received in Applicat fority documents have been receive au (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	ion No ed in this National Stage
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1. Claims 1-9 and 15-31 are presented for examination.

- 2. 37 CFR § 1.98(b)(4) reads as follows:
  - (4) Each foreign patent or published foreign patent application listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by the country or patent office which issued the patent or published the application, an appropriate document number, and the publication date indicated on the patent or published application.
- 3. Applicant's information disclosure statement filed April 15, 2009 lists two foreign patent documents but fails to identify those documents by "the publication date indicated on the patent or published application". Therefore these two citations are not in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.98 and have not been considered.
- 4. 35 USC § 101 reads as follows:
  - "Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefore, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title".
- 5. Claims 28-31 are rejected under 35 USC § 101 because the claimed method, contained upon a medium, is not positively recited as tied to a particular machine or apparatus as decided by the court in *In re Bilski*.
- 6. Claim 28 claims a medium containing instructions that <u>if</u> executed, cause a system to perform a method. By claiming the instructions in the form of <u>if</u> executed, the claim does not positively require execution, and accordingly fails to positively tie the claim to a particular machine or apparatus as decided by the court in *In re Bilski*.
- 7. Claims 1-9 and 15-27 are allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 28-31 are allowable over the prior art of record but are rejected above as directed to non-statutory subject matter.
- A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application (see 35 USC 133, MPEP 710.02, 710.02(b)).
- 9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

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Examiner should be directed to Richard Ellis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4165. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Eddie Chan, can be reached on (571) 272-4162. The fax phone number for the USPTO is: (703)872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

/Richard Ellis/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2183 May 22, 2009

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